In the Specification

Please amend the title of invention as follows:

Container and Container Cover

Please amend **the specification** (as appeared in the published application, namely, <u>US 2007/0023434 A1</u>) as detailed herein below:

[0001] The present invention relates to a container <u>and its</u> cover, and more particularly, to a container <u>and its</u> cover which can be applied to [[a]] <u>the</u> container irrespective of the type or size of the container. In addition, the container cover of the present invention can be easily treated and can prevent the leakage of contents from the container.

[0009] It is an object of the present invention to provide <u>a container</u>, and a container cover which can be applied to [[a]] <u>the</u> container irrespective of the type <u>of</u> or size of the container.

[0022] The container cover of the present invention can be properly used also in for storing contents such as food in a refrigerator. In particular, the container cover can seal the container so that the smell of the contents cannot does not leak out of the container and thus reside to spread in the refrigerator. In addition, containers having such container covers can be piped piled up with one above another to efficiently use the space of the refrigerator.

[0025] For example, in order to prevent decoloration of the closing member, made of silicone, by food, the closing member can be coated. Also, the cover plate is

not limited to a circular configuration, but can be fabricated into various configurations such as rectangle or triangle in accordance with that of inlet of the container.

[0031] FIG. 5 is a cross-sectional view in which the container cover according to the first embodiment of the present invention is practically applied to a container;

[0033] FIG. 7 is a cross-sectional view in which the container cover according to the second embodiment of the present invention is practically applied to a container;

[0036] FIG. 10 is a cross-sectional view in which the container cover of FIG. 8 is practically applied to a container.

[0045] Meanwhile, as As shown in FIG. 4 (a), the fixing portion can be U-shaped so that it can be attached to the side end and the upper surface of the cover plate 10. Alternatively, as shown in FIG. 4 (b), instead of having a separate fixing portion in the closing member 20, a part of a circumference of the contact portion can be fixed along the peripheral portion of the back surface of the cover plate 10.

[0050] Herein, as described above, since the contact portion 22 of the closing member 20 has flexibility and resilience, it tightly clamps or clings to the side surface of the container due to its elastic restoring force so that the container cannot slide out of the contact portion 22. At this time, when a width of the contact portion 22 is enlarged, clamping force can be magnified correspondingly.

[0052] FIG. 6 is a cross-sectional view of a container cover according to a second embodiment of the present invention, and FIG. 7 is a cross-sectional view in

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which the container cover according to the second embodiment of the present invention is practically applied to a container.

[0054] The cover plate 10 has may have a round 11 (see FIG. 8) at its lower portion of the side end thereof so that the round 11 can contact an upper end portion of the container 30, which will be described as follows.

[0055] Referring to FIG. 6, the closing member 20 of this embodiment has a fixing portion 23 fixed to the <u>upper</u> surface of the cover plate 10 with an adhesive 12 interposed therebetween, and a contact portion 22. The contact portion 22 is integrally formed along the peripheral portion of the fixing portion 23 and bent <u>and extends</u> toward the <u>upper</u> surface of the cover plate 10. Because of having Having an annular configuration, the closing member has a through opening 21 at a central portion of the contact portion 22.

[0058] The container cover is planed <u>placed</u> on an upper end portion of the container 30 in which contents are contained, and the contact portion 22 positioned on the <u>upper</u> surface of the cover plate 10 is turned inside out clockwise for <u>by</u> 270 degrees with fingers as indicated with arrows to contact an outer surface of the container 30.

[0059] The contact portion 22 is <u>resiliently</u> bent at a boundary with <u>from</u> the fixing portion 23 to tightly contact the outer surface of the container 30 so that the cover plate can strongly clamp the container 30.

[0060] This embodiment has advantages in that the adhesive 12 is applied to the surface of the cover plate 10 so that it does not directly affect contents in the Page 5 Serial No. 10/568,092 Response to Official Action

container 30, and in that the contact portion 22 is turned <u>or flipped</u> inside out from above the outer <u>upper</u> surface of the cover plate 10 to facilitate treatment <u>handling</u>.

[0061] FIG. 8 is a cross-sectional view of a container cover according to a third embodiment of the present invention, FIG. 9 is a perspective view of a container cover of FIG. 8 which is partially broken, and FIG. 10 is a cross-sectional view in which the container cover of FIG. 8 is practically applied to a container.

[0063] Referring to FIG. 9, the closing member 20 of this embodiment has a pair of fixing portions 23 and 24 fitted on a peripheral portion of the cover plate 10, and a contact portion 22. The contact portion 22 is integrally formed along the peripheral portion of the fixing portions 23 and 24 and bent extends toward the upper surface of the cover plate 10. A press protrusion 25 is formed at an end of the contact portion 22 along a circumference of a through opening 21 so as to press the outer surface of the container. The contact portion 22 and the fixing portions 23 and 24 can be integrally injection-molded from for example toxic-free silicone to have an E-shaped cross-sectional configuration.

[0066] After the closing member 20 and the cover plate 10 are coupled with each other, the container cover is positioned on an upper end portion of the container 30, in which contents are contained, and the contact portion 22 positioned on the upper surface of the cover plate 10 is turned inside out clockwise for 270 degrees with fingers as indicated with arrows to contact an outer surface of the container 30.

[0067] Herein, the cover plate 10 has a round 11 at its lower portion of the side end thereof to resiliently contact a round of an rounded upper end portion of the

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container 30 with the <u>resilient</u> fixing portion 23 interposed therebetween, <u>thus</u> primarily forming a sealed state.

[0068] The contact portion 22 is <u>resiliently</u> bent at a boundary with <u>from</u> the fixing portion 23 to tightly contact the outer surface of the container 30 so that the cover plate and the container 30 <u>are securely</u> coupled with each other.

[0069] Preferably, a ball <u>circular</u>-shaped press protrusion 25 is formed at an end of the contact portion 22 so as to securely press the outer surface of the container 30.

[0070] According to this embodiment, there are advantages in that the adhesive (12) is not used in comparison with <u>unlike</u> other embodiments, and in that a contact portion is turned inside out exactly <u>from</u> above the container cover in order to <u>facilitate treatment</u> enable an easy covering/uncovering operation.